

Our Visit to the Lakeland Public Library



A Social Experience Story

Lakeland Public Library 100 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland, Florida, 33801 (863) 834-4280

Notes for parents and caregivers

- If you would like to tour the library, ask at the children's service desk or call (863) 834-4280.
- If you or anyone in your group has sensory sensitivities, you may want to be aware of the electric hand dryer in the restroom.
- As part of the overall experience, the Lakeland History & Culture Center has special effects lighting and sound.
- The information on some of these slides may change over time, and we will do our best to keep up to date.



I am going to the library!

A library is a place where I can visit to look at wonderful books and play on the computers. Sometimes I might listen to a story being read.

I might borrow a book, movie, or music from the library and take it home for a while.

When I am done using the things I borrowed, I return them.

Sometimes, I might keep things for two weeks.

This is the door we use to enter the library.



When we enter through the door of the library, this is what we see.

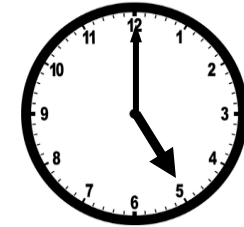
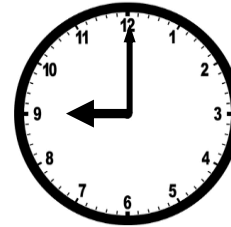


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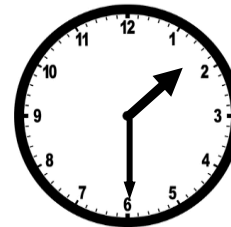
- Monday through Thursday
9:00 am to 7:00 pm



- Friday and Saturday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm



- Sunday
1:30 pm to 5:00 pm



Some areas of the library and all computers are shut down 15 minutes before closing time.

My library Has Rules

- If I am younger than 8 years old, I must stay where my parent or caregiver can see me.
- We will walk calmly inside the library.
- We will use a quiet voice.
- If I am younger than 13 and I want to use a computer, I can sign up at the Children's Service Desk.
- If I am older than 13, I can use my library card or guest pass to use a computer. There are special areas for children, teens and adults to use computers.
- I will wait my turn to use a computer.
- No food is allowed in the library.



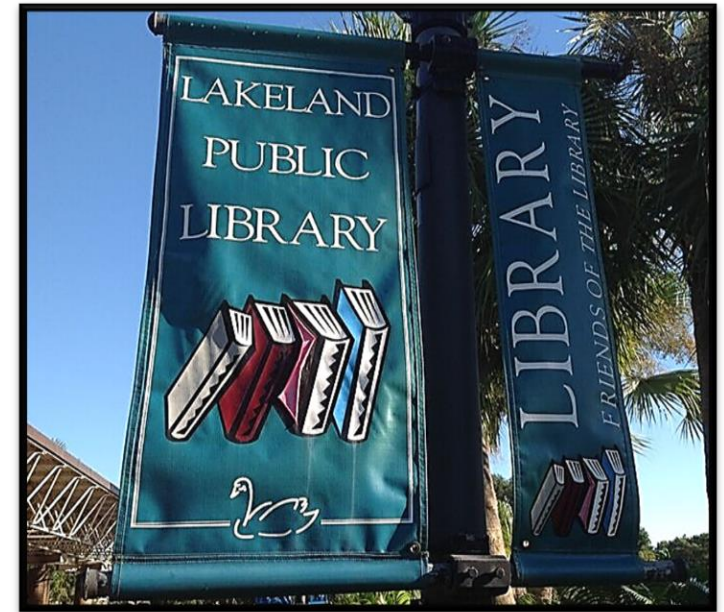
Library Cards



We can get a card at the library by bringing in our picture identification and proof of address. My parents or caregivers can help me get my own card.

We need a library card to:

- Check out books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- Use a library computer if we are older than 12.
- Log in to the library website from our computers at home.

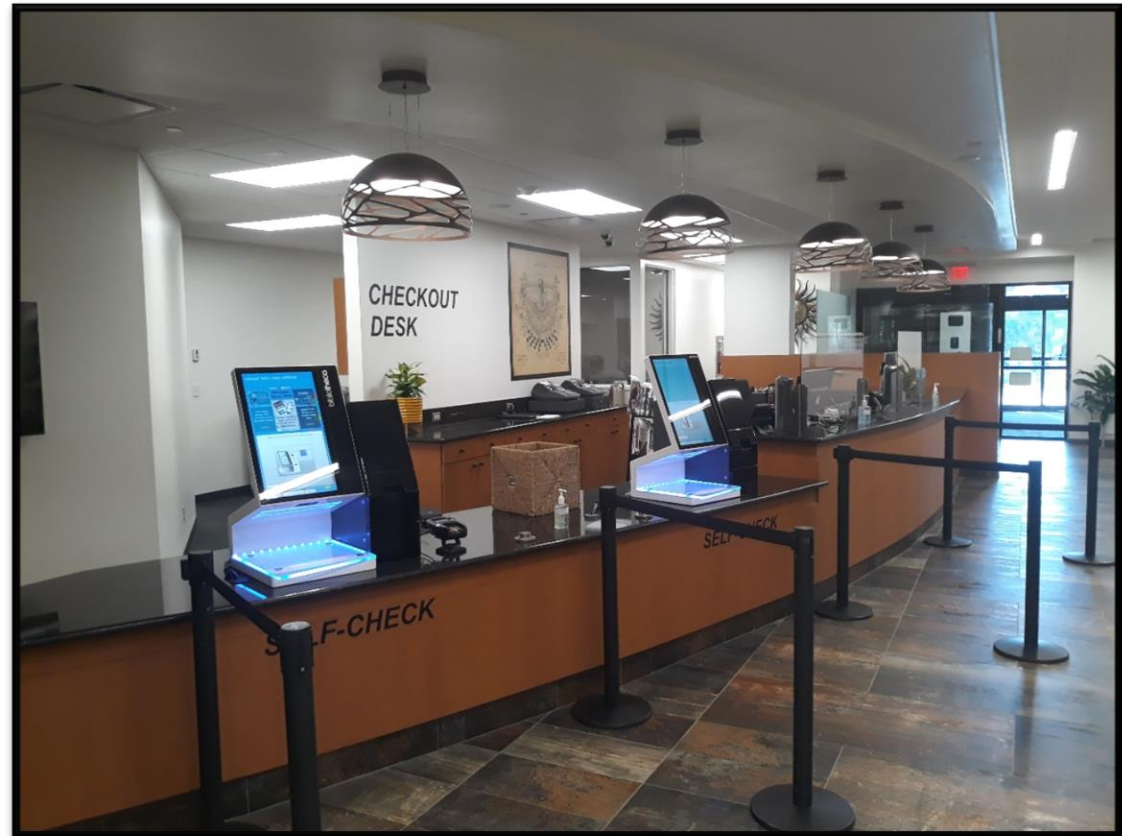


Checkout Desk

The library may look a bit different now.

At this desk, we can ask how to get a library card and check out items. We can also return books here.

Staff can show us where the temporary children's area is.



This is where the adults can use computers. For now, the teenagers will also use the adult computers!



This is the Lakeland History and Culture Center.

I can read and learn about Lakeland.

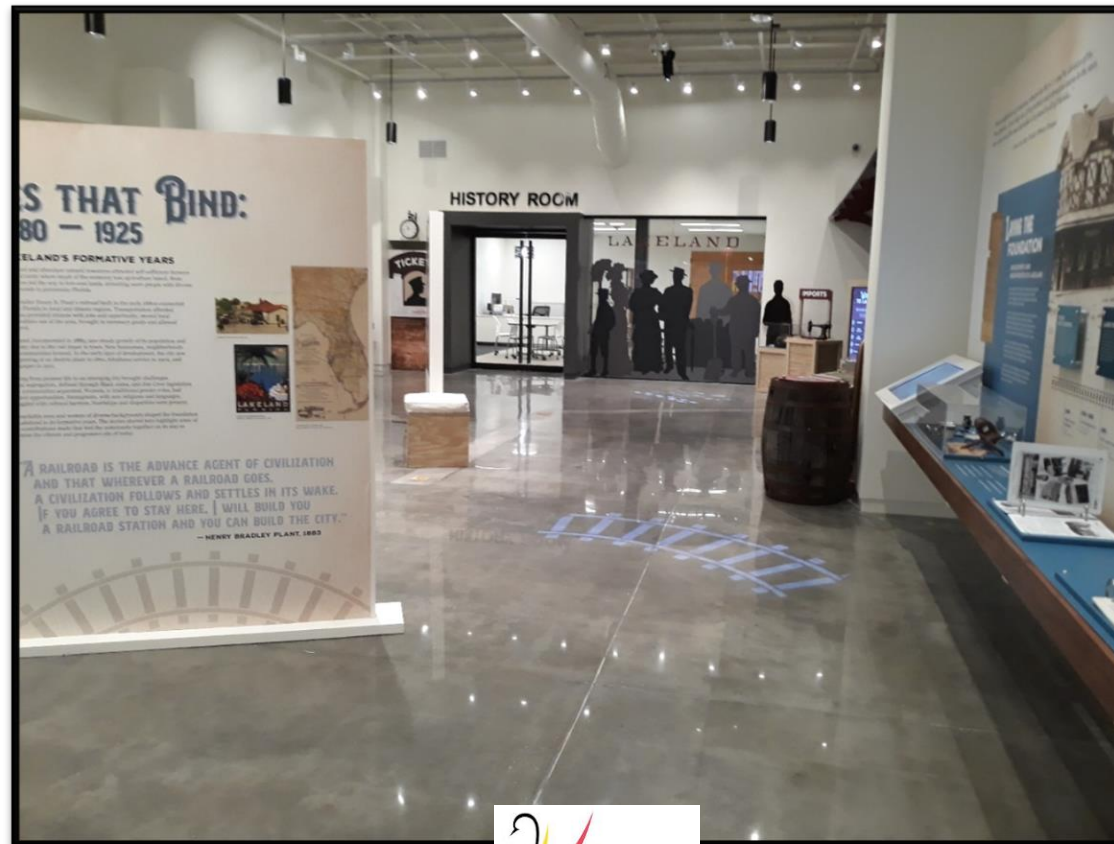
I can see objects from the past.

With adult help, I can touch the computers and learn even more about Lakeland.



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These are some things that I might see in the Lakeland History and Culture Center. Objects may change from time to time.



Some items are just to look at. I will just use my eyes to look!

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This is an area where I can sit and read.
There are new lights.



This is the way to the temporary Children's area!



The temporary Children's area

There are books, videos, DVDs and CDs for me to try.

There are computers.

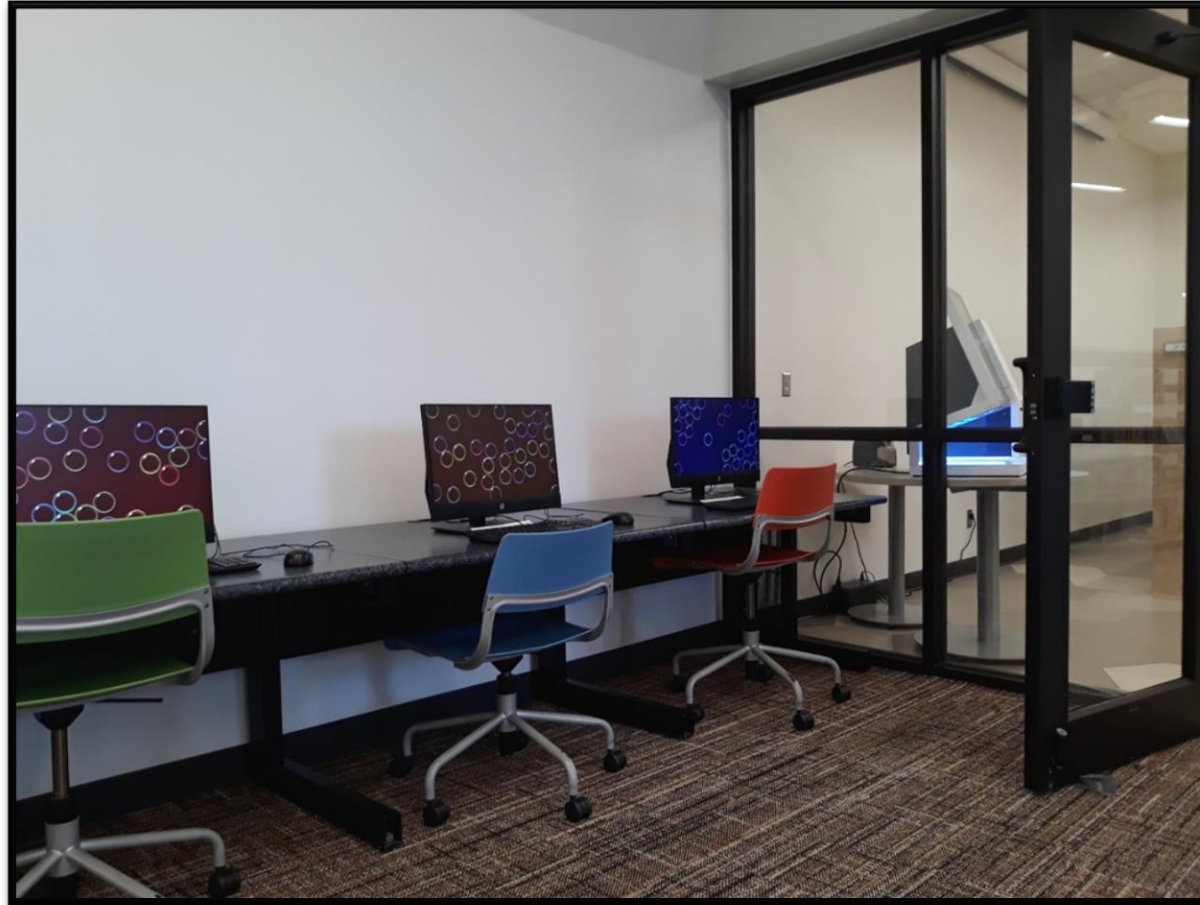
There are displays and decorations.

If I need help looking for something, I can ask a librarian at the service desk.

The librarian will be very happy to help me find what I like!



If I am under 13 years old I can use a computer here.



The Children's Room is under construction. The temporary Children's area looks like this. There are lots of places to sit and look at books and materials.



I must bring my own player and headphones to listen to CDs and audio books.



Sometimes people even talk quietly or use coloring books in the library!

This machine helps checkout books and movies. If I need help, I can ask the staff.



Emergency Doors

Some doors are only for emergencies. If there is an emergency, an adult will let me know what to do.

We will only go out these doors if we are told to by people who work in the library.

If I open this door, I will hear a loud alarm.

I will listen to the adults and follow the instructions.



Bathrooms

There is a bathroom for boys and one for girls. Parents can change diapers in both.



Bathrooms

The electric hand dryer might be loud.



I will be careful with books, discs, and equipment.

I will always take good care of the books, CDs, DVDs and other things I use or bring home from the library. That way, when I bring them back, someone else can enjoy them too!



When I am done looking at a book or other materials here is what I can do:

If I can't remember where I got my book from I can lay it on a table or return it here at the circulation desk.



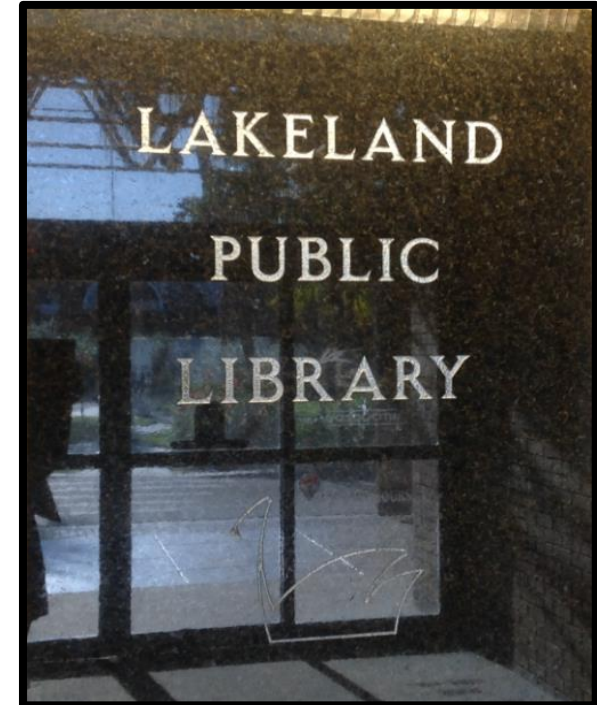
The friendly staff at the Library like to help me find books and materials I want.

Sometimes the library might not have something I want.

I may have to wait for a little while until it can be borrowed from another library. That's okay! There are lots of other books, DVDs and CDs to take out.



Visiting the Lakeland Public Library is going to be a lot of fun!



If I follow the Library rules, I will always be welcome back!

The End



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